

KEEPING MUM

FILM REVIEW

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By Eva

In "Keeping Mum", Grace Hawkins, the new housekeeper of the family Goodfellow, moves in with them. As she is trying to make the family happy, she goes to extreme lengths. The movie was released in the United Kingdom in 2005. The main characters are Walter and Gloria Goodfellow, played by Rowan Atkinson and Kristin Scott Thomas and Grace Hawkins, who is played by Maggie Smith. The British black comedy was directed by Niall Johnson.

The story is about the Goodfellow family, who slowly threatens to fall apart as it faces many problems. Walter, the vicar of the village of Little Wallop, does not have that much time for his family anymore, as he is very busy writing a sermon for a convention and fulfilling his duties as a vicar. Therefore, his wife Gloria begins an affair with her golf instructor. Their daughter Holly changes boyfriends every week and their son Petey is being bullied at school.

All of this seems to be solved as the new housekeeper, Grace Hawkins, comes into the family. She helps Petey with his bullying problem, gets Walter to pay more attention to his family and especially to his wife again, and as well she helps him with his sermon. Grace is determined to help the family, no matter what she has to do or what she thinks might solve the problem. She acts without regard for losses and is not scared of taking extreme measures.

The actors played their parts and represented the humour very well. Maggie Smith won an Oscar, one among many other prizes she has won, as well as her co-star Rowan Atkinson. It is easy to follow the story but parts of it are somewhat predictable. Nevertheless, the very end was actually kind of surprising and shocking.

I would recommend "Keeping Mum" to all people that like black humour. It does not really include a moral or any inspiring thoughts, rather the opposite. However, it has some funny moments that make you laugh.

By Chris

«Keeping Mum» is a British comedy about a family which has many problems and doesn't know that their housekeeper has a dark secret. In 2005 the movie which was directed by Niall Johnson was released. The cast includes the main characters Rowan Atkinson as Walter Goodfellow, his wife Gloria played by Kristin Scott Thomas and the housekeeper Grace Hawkins as Maggie Smith, who lives with the family in the small village of Vicar.

A young pregnant woman enters a train with her enormous trunks, and during the train journey, she starts leaking blood. The police arrest her for killing her husband and his mistress.

Vicar, Little Wallop, 43 years later, the unworldly priest Walter Goodfellow does not notice that his wife is having an affair with a golf instructor and that his daughter is sex-crazed. Gloria and her golf instructor Lance are even planning a trip to Mexico together. However, all problems vanish into thin air when Goodfellow hires the housekeeper Grace. No one suspects that the patented lady has a murderous secret. She is the young woman, who was convicted of murder on the train 43 years ago and is now released from prison. She kills people who make the family's life harder and cause them problems: the golf teacher, the neighbour's dog and a few others. She tries to do the best for the family, but Gloria suspects that something is wrong. One evening Gloria and her daughter Holly see a news report that the murderer Rosie is on the loose. They realize Rosie is Grace and go to look in her big suitcase, but she catches them. It turns out that Rosie (Grace) is Gloria's mother and she tells them about the murders, the bodies of which she hid in the Goodfellow family pond.

The Plot focuses on making the film a comedy despite the seriousness and brutality of the film, not making it scary, but the funny scenes mask the fact that it is a film about murder and bloodshed. The jokes are very appropriate, they are made for young and old, as well as the whole film. So if you are looking for a film to laugh at soon, watch it!



By Joris

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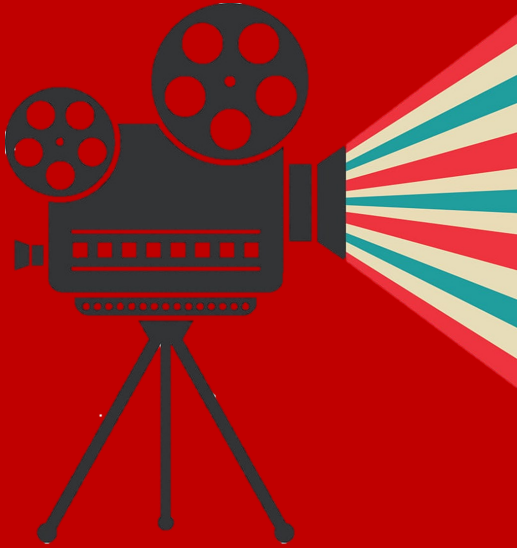
'Keeping Mum' is a black comedy directed by Niall Johnson. The movie has quite a famous cast, for example, Rowan Atkinson, who is better known as Mr. Bean, or Maggie Smith, who is known for her role in the Harry Potter movies. The film was made in the UK and first appeared in 2005.

The film starts with a scene of a lady named Rosie Jones, who's in her 40s, sitting on a train. Then suddenly the conductor sees something suspicious in her luggage and she has to go with the police because there are dead bodies in this luggage. About 30 years later the family of the vicar of Little Wallop, Walter Goodfellow, is looking for a housewife. The vicar is so focused on his job that he doesn't realize that his whole family is unhappy. His wife starts an affair with her golf teacher, his daughter has a new boyfriend every day, and his son is getting bullied in school. But as soon as the new housewife Grace Hawkins arrives, everything changes. Gloria, the vicar's wife, starts getting happy with him again, his daughter has a longtime boyfriend and his son is more confident and isn't bullied anymore. And it turns out that the housewife Grace is in reality Rosie Jones and that she's the mother of Grace. On top, she killed people for her daughter to be happier and she put them in the pond in front of their house that has to get drained.

The film is full of twists and it's really thrilling and nice to watch especially with the excellent cast. The role of the vicar is the perfect one for Rowan Atkinson in my opinion because I find that it's similar to the character of Mr. Bean in some way. The tension goes up in the right moments and even if the story is sometimes a bit scary, it's mostly funny.

The film is all over nice to watch with many scenes to laugh about. If you want to see a movie with a really good mix of all feelings, I can only recommend this film.

By Jill



,*Keeping mum* is a delightful black comedy of a happy family whose life changed after hiring a housekeeper. It is set in a small village called Little Wallow. The film's director is Niall Johnson and the cast includes Rowan Atkinson, also known as Mr. Bean, who plays the role of the Vicar, Walter Goodfellow. Kristin Scott Thomas is the wife of the Vicar and a mother of two children that are played by Tamsin Egerton and Toby Parkes.

This movie starts with a flashback of a young pregnant woman caught by the police for having two dead bodies in her luggage while taking the train. The story goes on in the village Little Wallow, where a woman, Gloria Goodfellow, lives with her husband and two children. She's really unhappy and lonely because her husband is a busy man. So, she starts an affair with Lance, who is also her golf trainer. After a while, she and her husband hire an old lady as their housekeeper to bring them company and help them with the household. Little did they know that this mysterious housekeeper would turn their life upside down. What is it about this housekeeper? How is Gloria's affair with Lance going to develop?

This film is mainly about dark humour. It includes serious subjects but the director turned them into little dark jokes that will make you laugh. The actors, especially Maggie Smith, the old housekeeper, give believable and fabulous performances. The movie is definitely not boring but indeed very interesting and funny. It shows the not so pretty sides of an unhappy family. *'Keeping mum* is well worth seeing, do not miss it! It will make you laugh so much that your tummy will hurt. Besides, it also teaches you things like: "Don't cheat on the person you decided to spend the

By Clara



« Keeping Mum » is a black comedy. Maggie Smith as Grace Hawkins, an elderly housekeeper goes to extreme lengths to make her family happy. The film's director is Niall Johnson, and the cast includes Rowan Atkinson as Walter Goodfellow. Kristin Scott Thomas as Gloria Goodfellow is the wife of Walter Goodfellow. They have two children, that are played by Tamsin Egerton and Toby Parkes.

The film begins with a flashback of a young pregnant woman who is arrested on the train because her luggage contains two dead bodies. The story goes on in the village Little Wallow. Gloria Goodfellow is unhappy. She just wants her husband's affection, but Walter, her husband, is very busy and is not often at home. He wants to excel in his job. So Gloria starts an affair with her golf trainer, Lance. Later, Gloria and her husband decide to hire an elderly housekeeper to keep them company and help them with the household. What they don't know is that the arrival of that person in their home is going to change their lives. Who is this housekeeper and what is she going to do?

The film contains a lot of dark humour but it also contains serious subjects like the fact that you have to find the right balance between family and work or that a relationship needs attention or otherwise it will fall apart. Even though the scenes were sometimes a bit unrealistic, the film was very funny especially thanks to the amazing performance of the actors.

I recommend this film because it will make you laugh but you will also learn to think about your life. Don't miss it!

MOVIE REVIEW

BY JULIE

Keeping Mum is a black comedy movie which was directed by Niall Johnson. The movie was released in the UK in 2005. The cast includes Rowan Atkinson, who plays the role of Walter Goodfellow. Rowan is probably known to most as Mr. Bean. Kristin Scott Thomas plays Gloria, Walter's wife. Maggie Smith stars as Grace Hawkins, the housekeeper, and Patrick Swayze plays Lance, the golf player.

The movie is set in a small village in Cornwall in the United Kingdom. Walter is the village's vicar and lives there with his wife and his two children. But in this family, there are a lot of problems. The vicar neglects his woman, his daughter changes her boyfriend constantly and his son is bullied at school. They hire a housekeeper to bring order back into the family's life. Grace seems to be perfect: She helps Walter write his text for the convention speech and she manages that the kids at school no longer bully Peter. Furthermore, she also learns about Gloria's affair and she manages to get Gloria and Walter back together. However, it's not all above board because it turns out that Grace is a wanted murderer. And even during her stay at the Goodfellows', she has already killed several people. In the end, it becomes clear that Grace is Gloria's mother.

The movie was funny but also a bit strange in parts because you don't expect an old lady to kill people who annoy her. In my opinion, the movie is worth watching because there is a moral behind the story. You shouldn't neglect the people you love, even if you have a lot to do, because otherwise, it can be too late at some time.